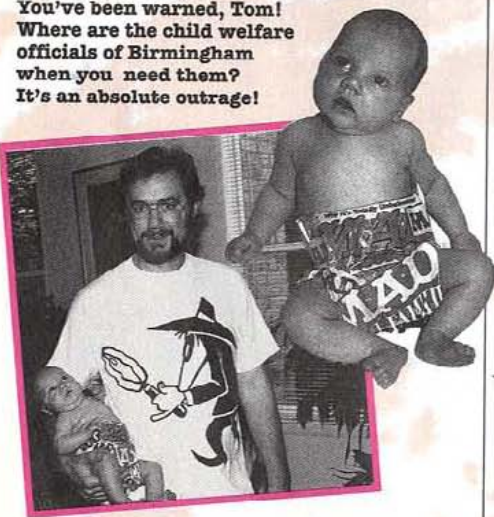




THE BEST OF THE LETTERS PAGE

WHAT, ME WETTING? From MAD #363

Proud Papa and longtime MAD subscriber Tom Anderson of Birmingham, Alabama sends along these disturbing photos of himself and his beautiful new baby Siobhan! Years from now, as Siobhan goes through intense psychological counseling and the suppressed memory of her dad putting her in a MAD diaper bursts forth, she will probably come after him with an axe! You've been warned, Tom! Where are the child welfare officials of Birmingham when you need them? It's an absolute outrage!



MEDICAL ADVICE From MAD #366

Thank you for providing me with many years of laughs. I'm 36 and have been a fan of MAD my whole life (except for the years before I could read). Whenever I get sick, the first thing I do is buy a MAD magazine, because it reminds me of the time my mom used to get me MAD when I had to stay home from school with the flu.

Bruce D. Weinstein, Ph.D.
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Dr. Bruce — Your letter struck us as a bit odd if not downright backwards. Usually, people read MAD first, and THEN they get sick!

—Ed.

MORE MORON MAIL From MAD #279

If MAD isn't the best magazine around, my name ain't Jack Tremp!

Tim Hammack
Collinsville, IL

And if yours isn't the most asinine, trivial and boorish letter we've ever received, our name ain't Ed!

—Ed.

BIRTHDAY BOY GOES MAD From MAD #418

When Scott Winston of New York, NY wanted to throw a birthday party no one would soon forget (Lord knows they would try!), he decided to give each of his guests a copy of MAD Magazine. And why not? MAD is great at a party — you can use it to whack the piñata, light the candles on the cake and clean up after a guest has had too much to eat and drink! Happy birthday, Scott!

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

From MAD #407

Now that you have been putting advertisements in MAD, I have a wish for the *Make a Dumb Wish Foundation*™. I don't like the ads, and I was wondering if you could stop putting them in.

John Dickinson
Chicago, IL

Johnny — Thank you for your letter to the *Make a Dumb Wish Foundation*™ brought to you this month by Altoids® — the curiously strong mint. Now on to your question. We could stop putting in ads, but that would cause us great headaches and then we'd need Excedrin® — the extra strength pain reliever, and we also might need something for our upset stomachs such as number one doctor recommended Tums®. So, sorry we can't grant your dumb wish, but thanks for your letter, which by the way you could have sent via FedEx®!

—Ed.



ALFRED E. NEUMAN From
LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST MAD #416

In MAD #413 we asked readers to send in pictures of their own Alfred E. Neuman look-a-likes. The first unfortunate winner of our contest is Shai Spilberg of British Columbia, Canada. As promised, an official Alfred E. Neuman look-a-like certificate is winging its way up to him in the Great White North! We're sure all MAD readers join with the MAD staff in hoping that Shai will soon grow out of this! Fa!



ONE USE FOR
A DEAD CAT From MAD #359

In issue #353, on page 17 ("Obituaries for Comic Strip Characters"), you printed a Garfield obituary. It stated: "Garfield the cat, 19, died yesterday of excessive bloating." Garfield does not turn 19 until June 19th. Obviously none of you are Garfield fans.

Marie Shalin
Hewitt, TX

Marie — Not like Garfield? Why nothing could be further from the truth! We've spent countless hours guffawing over his hilarious escapades! Did you ever see the one where he ate the pan of lasagna? Hoo-boy! Talk about your comedy classics! One thing we can never figure out: What is the deal with Odie?

—Ed.
(An afterthought: We do have one bone to pick with Garfield, though — not enough merchandising!)

PROSE AND
CONVICTS From MAD #359

Just like to say I'd be lost without your magazine, passing those long locked-up nights. I don't know what I'd do. Maybe freak out and add another charge. Which is not right anyway, 'cause I didn't do it! You understand? Huh? Ok, I'm calm now.

Marco Miles
Boulder County Jail, Boulder, CO

P.S. Could you send me a free subscription?

Marco Polo — Thanks for writing. Your letter once again validates our sales force's number one slogan: "MAD: It's a Great Prison Read." Unfortunately, we can't send you a free subscription. We are, however, sending you a grapefruit spoon in a Hostess Twinkie. Start now and freedom could be yours as early as 2037. See ya on the outside!

—Ed.
P.S. Give our best to Captain Hank!

MORON MAIL From MAD #284

Hey, isn't it about time Alfred E. Neuman gets a haircut?

Jeremy Hanscom
Floral, AL

Hey, isn't it about time Jeremy Hanscom realized no one cares about his thoughts or opinions? Thanks for writing!

—Ed.

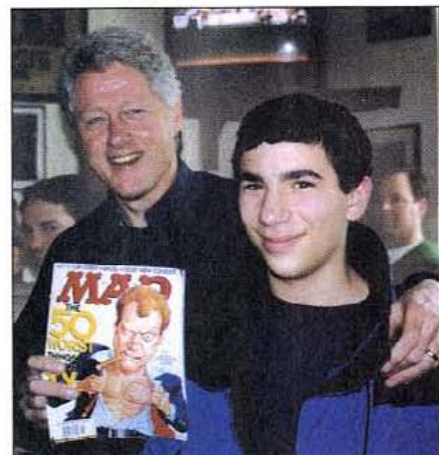
MAD CELEBRITY
SNAPS From MAD #407

When I was walking through my town yesterday, heading towards Rite Aid to pick up the latest issue of MAD, I happened to see a large SUV with a bunch of guys dressed in black surrounding it. Now, I thought this is either a terrorist group or the Secret Service for Mr. Clinton. It was in fact our ex-president and I caught up with him in Calhoun's Restaurant, the local bar and grill where he was celebrating St. Pattie's Day. As he was drinking his beer, my family approached him with our handy dandy MAD from my brother's subscription. I asked him if he would sign it, which he did and I posed with him while he was holding the MAD. I have always carried around a camera and a MAD in Chappaqua in case of seeing the Clintons. Mr. Clinton told us how much he loved MAD when he was a kid. He said he and his friends would save up a quarter to buy the magazine. After I thanked him and left, I noticed Buddy, the Clinton's dog, in the car. I waved, he barked and we left.

Billy Robin,
Chappaqua, NY

It's rare that we receive a Celebrity Snap with such a tender and moving letter. It's good to see the former leader of the free world has moved on to truly important things like throwing back a few brewskis and getting MAD readers like you free three-year subscriptions (the retail value of which is significantly more than your family will receive from the Bush tax cut!). God Bless America!

—Ed.



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